## HOME HORTICULTURE LANDSCAPING FOR SEASON LONG COLOR

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Each season brings with it new colors and emotions. Many homeowners seek help in selecting plant material that will offer season-long interest in the landscape. Different colors can add variety and add interest to the landscape. Plants should add consistency and tie the landscape design together. Harmony in a landscape is often accomplished when the same color schemes are repeated.

When planting for color, it is good to remember some general rules. Cool colors, such as shades of green, blue, and soft pastels, blend well together and have a tendency to make an area seem larger in appearance. These colors also suggest calmness or tranquility. Warm colors, such as shades of red, orange, and yellow, jump out visually and act as

Tulips in early spring.

colorful accents. These colors imply lively and inviting feelings.



Lilacs offer early spring color.

Complementary colors are those colors that most optimally accentuate each other. Yellow is considered complementary to purple. Red is complementary to green. Orange is complementary to blue. White is one

of those universal colors, which complements all colors.

There are many different plants which can add seasonal splendor to a landscape. Many plants display an array of flower colors throughout the season. Some plants offer different textures while others put on a spectacular show in the autumn as their colorful leaves proclaim the end of the season. When planting for color, it is important to think of the importance of foliage effect along with flower color.



Butterfly Weed (Asclepias tuberosa) blooms in July and offers a bright burst of color. This plant attracts butterflies.



## Fire chalice (Epilobium) provides late summer color.

With literally thousands of options in choosing plant material, it can oftentimes be overwhelming to homeowners in deciding which plants to buy. Catalogs and magazines are great for getting ideas. It is also a good idea to visit the nurseries and garden centers periodically throughout the year to see what plants are in bloom. Choosing a variety of plants with staggered bloom times, along with those that add unique textures and distinctive leaf colors can add seasonal interest to any landscape.



Creeping phlox blooms early in the spring.

The following is a list of some of the more commonly sold plants and their approximate bloom times along with plants that offer variety to the landscape in the



'Coralburst' crabapple blossoms in the spring.

form of texture and seasonal leaf color.

For simplification purposes, the following bloom times have been organized as follows:

Spring bloomers - March through mid May Summer bloomers - late May through mid August Fall bloomers - late August through October

While this fact sheet gives a general list of chronological color, some of the plants listed may cross-over into other seasons, deadheading or removing of the spent blossoms encourages re-bloom. As a general rule, however, most perennials will provide blossoms for the space of 3-4 weeks. As always, it is important to remember that Mother Nature is consistently in charge. Weather variations, along with other climatic changes, can influence bloom time as well as color intensity.

	TREES	
SPRING INTEREST		ВЬООМ
Chokecherry	Prunus virginiana	white
Flowering cherry	Prunus serrulata	white, pink
Flowering crabapple	Malus sp.	white, pink
Flowering pear	Pyrus calleryana	white
Flowering plum	Prunus x cistena	pink
Golden chain tree	Laburnum x watereri	yellow
Hawthorn	Crataegus sp.	white, pink
Horse chestnut	Aesculus hippocastanum	white, pink
Japanese tree lilac	Syringa reticulata	white
Magnolia	Magnolia sp.	white, pink
Pussy willow	Salix discolor	yellow
Redbud	Cercis canadensis	white, pink
Serviceberry	Amelanchier sp.	white
Yellowhorn	Xanthoceras sorbifolium	white
SUMMER INTEREST		BLOOM
American smoketree	Cotinus coggygria	purple-pink
Catalpa	Catalpa sp.	white
Golden rain tree	Koelreuteria paniculata	yellow
Japanese pagoda tree	Styphnolobium japonicum	yellow, white
Littleleaf linden	Tilia cordata	yellow
Purple robe black locust	Robinia pseudoacacia 'Purple Robe'	purple, pink
Silk tree (mimosa)	Albizia julibrissin	pink
FALL INTEREST		LEAF
Aspen (quaking)	Populus tremuloides	yellow
Amur maple	Acer ginnala	red
Bald cypress	Taxodium distichum	orange
Bigtooth maple	Acer grandidentatum	pink, red, orange
Chokecherry	Prunus virginiana	red-orange
Columnar swedish aspen	Populus tremula 'Erecta'	yellow, orange
European larch	Larix decidua	yellow
Flowering crabapple	Malus sp.	gold, red, orange, bronze
Flowering pear	Pyrus calleryana	bronze, orange, red
Flowering plum	Prunus x cistena	bronze, orange, red
Honey locust	Gleditsia triacanthos	yellow
Japanese zelkova	Zelkova serrata	bronze, orange, red
Maidenhair tree	Ginkgo biloba	yellow
Norway maple	Acer platanoides	yellow
Red maple	Acer rubrum	red
Red oak	Quercus rubra	red, orange
Redbud	Cercis canadensis	red-purple, orange
Serviceberry	Amelanchier sp.	red, orange, gold
Sumac	Rhus sp.	red, orange, yellow



Crabapples can add interest over three seasons with spring bloom, fall foliage colors, and bright colored fruit in the winter.



Norway maple in the fall.



Evergreens like 'Bakeri' spruce add structure and color to winter landscapes



Vibrant fall color can be added to plantings with shrubs like 'Grolow' sumac.

TREES (CONTINUED)		
FALL INTEREST (CONTI	LEAF	
Sweetgum	Liquidambar styraciflua	orange, red
Washington hawthorn	Crataegus phaenopyrum	red, orange
WINTER INTEREST		LEAF, BARK OR FRUIT
Arborvitae	Thuja occidentalis	evergreen
Blue atlas cedar	Cedrus atlantica	evergreen
Blue spruce (dwarf cultivars)	Picea pungens	evergreen
Bosnian pine	Pinus heldreichii	evergreen
Deodar cedar	Cedrus deodara	evergreen
Flowering crabapple	Malus sp.	persistent fruit
Hawthorn	Crataegus sp.	persistent red fruit
Juniper	Juniperus sp.	evergreen
Paperbark maple	Acer griseum	bark
River birch	Betula nigra	bark
Scotch pine	Pinus sylvestris	evergreen
White fir	Abies concolor	evergreen

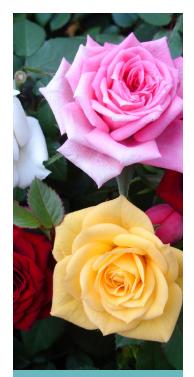
SHRUBS		
SPRING INTEREST		BLOOM
Apache plume	Fallugia paradoxa	white
Barberry	Berberis sp.	yellow
Beauty bush	Kolkwitzia amabilis	pink
Bridal wreath spirea	Spiraea x vanhouttei	white
Chokeberry	Aronia arbutifolia	white
Common lilac	Syringa vulgaris	white, pink, purple
Currant	Ribes sp.	yellow
'Carol Mackie' Daphne	Daphne x burkwoodii	pink
Flowering almond	Prunus triloba	pink
Flowering plum	Prunus x cistena	pink
Flowering quince	Chaenomeles speciosa	pink, red
Forsythia	Forsythia x intermedia	yellow
Japanese kerria	Kerria japonica	yellow
Mock orange	Philadelphus x virginalis	white
Ninebark	Physocarpus opulifolius	white
Oregon grape holly	Mahonia aquifolium	yellow
Pink pussy willow	Salix chaenomeloides	pink
Rose	Rosa sp.	various
Scotch broom	Cytisus scoparius	yellow, orange
Serviceberry	Amelanchier sp.	white
Viburnum	Viburnum sp.	white, pink
SUMMER INTEREST		BLOOM
Beautyberry	Callicarpa dichotoma	pink
American black elderberry	Sambucus canadensis	white*
Bluebeard	Caryopteris clandonensis	blue, purple

SHRUBS (CONTINUED)		
SUMMER INTEREST	(CONTINUED)	BLOOM
Bumald spiraea	Spiraea japonica 'Bumalda'	pink, white*
Butterfly bush	Buddleia davidii	white, purple
Coralberry	Symphoricarpos orbiculatus	pinkish-white
Cotoneaster	Cotoneaster sp.	pink
Fernbush	Chamaebatiaria millefolium	white
Hydrangea	Hydrangea sp.	blue, pink, purple
Chinese indigo	Indigofera kirilowii	pink
Mexican cliffrose	Purshia mexicana	white
Privet	Ligustrum vulgare	white
Rose of sharon	Hibiscus syriacus	white, pink, purple
Shrubby cinquefoil	Potentilla fruticosa	yellow, white, orange
American smoketree	Cotinus coggygria	pink
Weigela	Weigela florida	hot pink, pink
Yucca	Yucca sp.	cream-white
FALL INTEREST		LEAF
Cotoneaster	Cotoneaster sp.	purple, red, bronze
Dwarf-winged burning bush	Euonymus alatus 'Compactus'	red, hot pink
Mint shrub	Elsholtzia stauntonii	purple flower
Red twig dogwood	Cornus sericea	purple
Witch hazel	Hamamelis virginiana	yellow
Viburnum	Viburnum sp.	red, purple
WINTER INTEREST		LEAF, BARK OR FRUI
Barberry	Berberis sp.	persistent berries
Boxwood	Buxus sempervirens	evergreen
Creeping juniper	Juniperus horizontalis	evergreen
English laurel	Prunus laurocerasus	evergreen
Japanese euonymus	Euonymus japonicus	evergreen
Japanese yew	Taxus cuspidata	evergreen
Mugo pine	Pinus mugo	evergreen
Photinia	Photinia sp.	evergreen
Red twig dogwood	Cornus sericea	red bark
Snowberry	Symphoricarpos albus	evergreen
Wintercreeper	Euonymus fortunei	evergreen
Winter heath	Erica carnea	pink flowers
Witch hazel	Hamamelis virginiana	yellow flowers

PERENNIALS		
SPRING INTEREST		BLOOM
Aster	Aster sp.	various
Basket-of-gold	Aurinia saxatilis	yellow
Bleeding heart	Lamprocapnos spectabilis	pink, white
Candytuft	lberis sempervirens	white
Catmint	Nepeta racemosa	purple



Hummingbird mint hyssop (Agastache) provides color in the summer.



Roses come in many, shapes, colors and sizes. Many roses provide prolonged bursts of color throughout the summer.



Cone flower, or Echinacea, comes in a variety of colors including, pink, purple, orange, red, and yellow.



Annual flowers show season-long interest but must be planted again every year.

	PERENNIALS (CONTINU	JED)
SPRING INTEREST (		BLOOM
Columbine, hybrid	Aquilegia sp.	various
Coral bells	Heuchera sanguinea	white, pink
Creeping phlox	Phlox subulata	white, pink, purple
Dutchman's breeches	Dicentra cucullaria	white
English daisy	Bellis perennis	white, pink
False rockcress	Aubrieta deltoidea	purple
Firecracker beardtongue	Penstemon eatonii	red
Flax	Linum perenne	blue, white
Forget-me-not	Myosotis scorpioides	white, purple, blue
Foxglove	Digitalis purpurea	white, purple
Garden rockcress	Arabis caucasica	white
Iris, hybrids	Iris sp.	various
Jacob's ladder	Polemonium sp.	blue, purple
Lenten rose	Helleborus orientalis	various
Lungwort	Pulmonaria sp.	pale pink-white
Milkvetch	Astragalus sp.	white, purple
Utah sweetvetch	Hedysarum boreale	red, pink, purple
Pasque flower	Pulsatilla vulgaris	purple
Pigsqueak, Heartleaf bergenia	Bergenia cordifolia	deep pink
Pineleaf beardtongue	Penstemon pinifolius	scarlet
Pink (dianthus)	Dianthus sp.	various
Rue anemone	Thalictrum thalictroides	white
Sage	Salvia sp.	purple, white
Spring vetch	Lathyrus vernus	blue-violet
Tufted evening primrose	Oenothera caespitosa	white
Upright wild ginger	Saruma henryi	yellow
Wasatch beardtongue	Penstemon cyananthus	purple
SUMMER INTEREST		BLOOM
American feverfew	Parthenium hispidum	white
Aster	Aster sp.	various
Avens	Geum sp.	orange-red
Bachelor's button	Centratherum punctatum	purple, blue
Bee balm	Monarda didyma	various
Bellflower	Campanula sp.	purple, pink, white, blue
Big betony	Stachys macrantha 'Superba'	purple, blue
Black-eyed susan	Rudbeckia hirta	yellow
Blanket flower	Gaillardia sp.	orange, red, yellow
Blue false indigo	Baptisia sp.	yellow, purple
Blue-eyed grass	Sisyrinchium angustifolium	blue
Bridges' penstemon	Penstemon rostriflorus	red, orange
Buckwheat	Eriogonum sp.	white, yellow
Butterfly weed	Asclepias tuberosa	yellow, orange
Carolina lupine	Thermopsis villosa	yellow

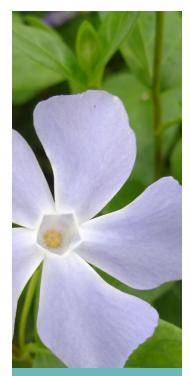
PERENNIALS (CONTINUED)		
SUMMER INTEREST		BLOOM
Celandine poppy	Stylophorum diphyllum	yellow
Compass plant	Silphium laciniatum	yellow
Coneflower	Rudbeckia fulgida	yellow
Cosmos	Cosmos sp.	various
Cranesbill	Geranium sp.	purple
Cutleaf globemallow	Sphaeralcea sp.	orange
Daisy (fleabane)	Erigeron sp.	pink, purple, white
Daylily	Hemerocallis sp.	various
Delphinium	Delphinium elatum	blue, white, pink
Desert four o'clock	Mirabilis multiflora	magenta-pink
Downy skullcap	Scutellaria incana	purple
English lavender	Lavandula angustifolia	purple
Evening primrose	Oenothera biennis	yellow, white
False aster	Boltonia asteroids	white, pink, purple
Fire chalice	Epilobium canum	red
Gaura	Gaura lindheimeri	white, pink, dark pink
Gayfeather	Liatris sp.	purple, white
Germander	Teucrium sp.	purple, white
Giant hyssop	Agastache sp.	orange, pink, purple
Globe thistle	Echinops sp.	blue
Goldenrod	Solidago sp.	yellow
Great ironweed	Vernonia arkansana	pink-purple
Hollyhock	Alcea rosea	various
Hosta	Hosta sp.	purple, white
Husker red beardtongue	Penstemon digitalis	white*
Ice plant	Delosperma sp.	pink, yellow
Jupiter's beard	Centranthus ruber	pink
Knautia	Knautia macedonica	burgundy
Lambs' ears	Stachys byzantina 'Striped Phantom'	pink
avender cotton	Santolina chamaecyparissus	yellow
Little sunflower	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	·
Loosestrife	Helianthella quinquenervis	yellow
	Lysimachia sp.	yellow
Lupine	Lupinus x hybrida	purple, pink, white, blue
Mallow	Malva alcea 'Fastigiata'	pink
Mexican hat	Ratibida columnifera	yellow
Mexican primrose	Oenothera speciosa	pink
Michaelmas daisy	Aster 'Celeste'	voilet, blue
Milkweed	Asclepias syriaca	pink
Mountain fleece	Persicaria amplexicaulis	crimson
Obedient plant	Physostegia angustifolia	white
Ox-eye daisy	Telekia speciosa	yellow
Palmer's beardstongue	Penstemon palmeri	pink
Peony	Paeonia hybrids	various
Pike's peak beardtongue	Penstemon mexicali	purple



Coreopsis, sometimes called Tickseed, adds bursts of bright color throughout the summer months (*Corepsis auriulata*).



Lavender (Lavendula angustifolia) provides color and fragrance throughout the summer and attracts pollinators to the garden.



Vinca, or periwinkle, is a shade-loving groundcover that blooms in the spring.



Picushion flower (*Scabiosa*) comes in pink, blue, and purple and adds summer color to the garden.

PERENNIALS (CONTINUED)		
SUMMER INTEREST (CONTINUED) BLOOM		
Pincushion flower	Scabiosa caucasica	purple, pink, white, blue
Plumbago	Ceratostigma plumbaginoides	dark blue
Рорру	Papaver orientale	various
Pink bachelor's button	Psephellus pulcherrimus	scarlet
Purple coneflower	Echinacea purpurea	purple, pink white
Purple poppy mallow	Callirhoe involucrate	magenta
Red-hot poker	Kniphofia uvaria	red, orange, yellow
Robin's plantain	Erigeron pulchellus	pale voilet
Rock rose	Helianthemum sp.	yellow, pink
Rodgersia	Rodgersia pinnata	pale pink, red
Rose mallow	Hibiscus sp.	pink, white, red
Russian sage	Perovskia atriplicifolia	purple
Sea holly	Eryngium planum	steel blue
Self heal	Prunella grandiflora	pale purple
Shasta daisy	Leucanthemum sp.	white
Soapwort	Saponaria sp.	pink
Speedwell	Veronica sp.	deep purple
Spider lily, Spiderwort	Tradescantia sp.	blue
Spotted deadnettle	Lamium maculatum	pink
Stonecrop	Hylotelephium sp.	rosey pink
Stylphorum	Stylophorum lasiocarpum	yellow
Sundancer daisy	Tetraneuris acaulis	yellow
Tansy	Tanacetum macrophyllum	white
Threadleaf coreopsis	Coreopsis verticillata	yellow
Tickseed	Coreopsis sp.	yellow
Toadflax	Linaria sp.	violet
Verbascum	Verbascum sp.	yellow, orange, red
Verbena	Verbena sp.	various
White wood aster	Eurybia divaricata	white, voilet
Wild petunia	Ruellia humilis	lavender
Wormwood, Mugwort	Artemisia sp.	white
Yarrow	Achillea millefolium	various
FALL INTEREST		BLOOM
Aster	Symphyotrichum sp.	purple, pink, white
Autumn joy stonecrop	Hylotelephium 'Herbstfreude'	pink
Candytuft	lberis sempervirens	semi-evergreen
Chrysanthemum	Chrysanthemum sp.	various
Japanese anemone	Anemone x hybrida	pink, white

VINES			
SPRING INTEREST		BLOOM	
Chocolate vine	Akebia quinata	purple, white	
SPRING INTEREST (CONTINUED)		BLOOM	
Japanese hydrangea vine Schizophragma hydrangeoides		white, pink	

VINES (CONTINUED)			
SUMMER INTEREST	SUMMER INTEREST		
Wisteria	Wisteria sp.	purple, white	
Clematis	Clematis sp.	various	
Climbing hydrangea	Hydrangea anomala	white	
Moonseed	Menispermum canadense	greenish-white	
Purple passionflower	Passiflora incarnata	white and purple	
Trumpetcreeper	Campsis radicans	orange, yellow	
FALL INTEREST		LEAF OR SEED HEAD	
Boston ivy	Parthenocissus tricuspidata	red, orange, yellow (leaf)	
Common hop	Humulus lupulus	green-cream (seed head)	
Virginia creeper	Parthenocissus quinquefolia	red, orange (leaf)	
WINTER INTEREST		LEAF	
English ivy	Hedera helix	evergreen	

GROUND COVER		
SPRING INTEREST		BLOOM
Cinquefoil	Potentilla sp.	white, yellow
Bugle	Ajuga reptans	blue
Creeping grapeholly	Mahonia repens	yellow
Thyme	Thymus sp.	pink
Fig buttercup	Ficaria verna	yellow
Pussytoes	Antennaria dioica	white-pale pink
Sand phlox	Phlox bifida	pale blue, white
Scarlet strawberry	Fragaria virginiana	white
Sea thrift	Armeria sp.	pink, white
Siberian bugloss	Brunnera macrophylla	intense blue
Speedwell	Veronica liwanensis	purple, blue
Periwinkle/myrtle	Vinca minor	purple, blue
SUMMER INTEREST		BLOOM
Barren strawberry	Waldsteinia fragarioides	yellow
Bigroot geranium	Geranium macrorrhizum	magenta
Brass buttons	Leptinella squalida 'Platt's Black'	yellow
Hardy geranium	Geranium × cantabrigiense	magenta
Mazus	Mazus reptans	lavender, purple-blue
Mint	Mentha sp.	pink, white
Snow-in-summer	Cerastium tomentosum	white
WINTER INTEREST		LEAF
Creeping grapeholly	Mahonia repens	evergreen

	BULBS	
SPRING INTEREST		BLOOMS
Allium	Allium sp	pink, purple, blue
Canna lily	Canna sp.	various
Crocus	Colchicum sp.	various
Daffodil	Narcissus sp.	yellow, white



Clematis are climbing vines that offer an array blossom colors.



Ice plant loves summer heat and is available in various colors.



Daffodils add bright bursts of color early in the season.

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Ornamental grasses peak in color and interest in the fall.

BULBS (CONTINUED)			
SPRING INTEREST (CONTINUED)		BLOOMS	
Grape hyacinth	Muscari armeniacum	blue, purple	
Hyacinth	Hyacinthus orientalis	purple,white	
Snowdrops	Galanthus nivalis	white	
Tulip	Tulipa sp.	various	

ORNAMENTAL GRASSES			
SPRING INTEREST		COLOR/SEED HEADS	
Quaking grass	Briza media	green/cream, purple	
SUMMER INTEREST		COLOR/SEED HEADS	
Blue grama grass	Bouteloua gracilis	green/cream	
Blue oat grass	Helictotrichon sempervirens	blue/cream	
Feather reed grass	Calamagrostis x acutiflora	green/rosey-pink	
Fountain grass	Pennisetum alopecuroides	green/silvery pink, white	
Maiden hair grass	Miscanthus sinensis 'Gracillimus'	green/red	
Sedge	Carex sp.	green	
Tufted hair grass	Deschampsia cespitosa	green/cream	
FALL INTEREST		COLOR/SEED HEADS	
Alkali sacaton	Sporobolus airoides	green/pink	
Autumn moor grass	Sesleria autumnalis	green/pink	
Muhly grass	Muhlenbergia sp.	green/pink	
Prairie dropseed	Sporobolus heterolepis	green/cream	
Hardy pampus grass	Saccharum ravennae	green/purple bronze	
Switch grass	Panicum virgatum	green/pink	
WINTER INTEREST		COLOR/SEED HEADS	
Maiden hair grass	Miscanthus sinensis 'Gracillimus'	brown/copper, silver	
Hardy pampus grass	Saccharum ravennae	bronze/purple bronze	
Feather reed grass	Calamagrostis x acutiflora	golden/golden tan	

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